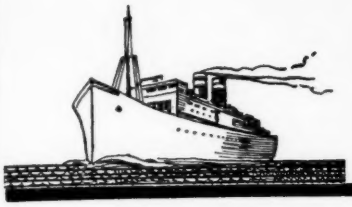

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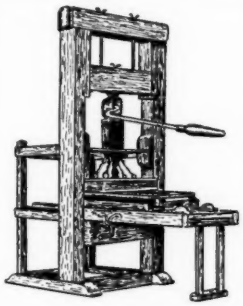

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FOR

Printing Anniversary

AND

Four State Stamp

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DATE OF ISSUE — SEPTEMBER 25th. PLACE UNANNOUNCED

You can order your envelopes both for the printing anniversary stamp and for the Four State Stamp which is advertised else where in this issue. For the latter stamp we offer a wonderful assortment of beautiful covers in sets. Do not fail to order at once as we can not guarantee late delivery on this long set of four state covers.

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or Fifteen envelopes for each of the next four stamps to be issued when announced.
or Forty envelopes for each of the next two stamps to be issued when announced.

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Four-State Stamp

GOLDEN JUBILEE
OF STATEHOOD

1889 — 1939

A design similar to this, with different illustrations for each of the four states.

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MONTANA
and
WASHINGTON

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Place Your Order NOW

and be sure to get the covers you want.

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OF STATEHOOD
1889 1939

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ADMITTED TO THE UNION
NOVEMBER 3 1889

Each State Seal, for each of the four different states.

There is also a special designed envelope that can be used in any of the four States.

These states were admitted to Statehood in the Month of November at four different dates in the year 1889. The stamp will honor the fiftieth anniversary of Statehood for the four states. Altho we do not know, we presume that the stamp will be issued first day in each of the different states. However, since each State was admitted on different dates, the collector will probably want to get first day covers from each state on the day of first day issue as well as get a cover from each state on the date on which that state was admitted to Statehood. Such a collection of these covers will be of much historical interest.

LINPRINT WILL MAKE SEVERAL DISTINCTIVE COVERS FOR THIS STAMP

There will be a set of four covers, each showing a state seal and another set of four covers, probably symbolic of the different states. In addition there will be another single cover which embodies the entire four states in one emblem.

All orders which are on hand for filling on our subscription plan will be filled with this latter cover which will be suitable for use in any state. Then those who wish additional covers for different states may order the set of eight covers at the special price at which it will be offered. This plan will give all an opportunity to get just the envelopes they may desire for this new stamp.

Since this stamp is not to be issued until November, none of these covers will be ready for delivery before August or September. Orders may be placed at once however if you wish.

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U. S. Advance Sheets Feature 20th Century Price Reductions

ON August 23 appeared the Advance Sheets of the U. S. Section of the 1940 Scott Catalogue (the general catalogue, not the U. S. Specialized which will appear somewhat later.) Noticeable at once is the very thorough downward revision of prices of the issues from 1890 on. At first it is only occasional stamps but after 1908 few seem to escape the axe. Commemoratives and other issues in which there has been much speculation of course received the most attention.

But to start at the beginning: Alexandria's Postmaster Provisional no longer is No. 1; instead all these provisionals are entirely renumbered, some of them reaching such odd combinations as "12XU1" but since there is never much doing in them none will ever complain of the awkwardness of these numbers. In regular issues numbers are as before and the first change is to cut the 3c red 1851 50c unused. In the 1857-60 series the same stamp is increased $2.50, the 5c Type II is dropped $10 used and the 10c Type I is increased $5 used. If you are so lucky (or unlucky) as to have a copy of the 5c August 1861 then you will be interested to know it dropped from $2250 to $1500—largest cut in the catalog. In the Septembers, the 30c unused is up $3. In 1862-66 the 5c red brown unused is cut $10 and the used 15c increased all of 25c. In the grills are several changes from 5c to $5. Unused 1869 3 centers are now $2 and the 15c Type II $20. Practically nothing was changed in the Bank Note issues. The 1890s start the parade of cuts with the 2c lake and 6c getting the axe unused. Columbians get a few too, the 1, 2 and 5c unused and the 10c both ways.

The first Bureau printed series sees half a dozen used values cut with the $1 Type II lone exception, increasing $2.50. The 15c unused is increased $1. In the 1895 series this is duplicated, the only increase being the dollar Type II to $50. Unused Trans-Mississippi 1c and 2c are dropped 15c in all; while the used set declines from $75.35 to $70.75. Pan-Americans used decline from $8.20 to $6.76 and the 4c and 5c unused are cut 25c each. 1902 regular issue has high values increased unused and some low values cut used. In the 1904 Louisiana Purchase set only the 1c unused is cut, 10c; but the used set drops 62c. The 5c Jamestown is cut 50c in both forms, and other values in proportion except the 2c unused which is untouched. 1909 2c Lincoln drops from 50c unused and 10c used to 40c and 8c. Fulton is dropped 15c unused. 2c Alaska is increased 10c while the Fulton imperf is increased 25c in both forms.

In the regular issues the rare No. 389, 3c coil Type I is now priced, but used only, at $250. Lower values suffer cuts in both forms and only increases are several minor ones in the coils. The 1c, 2c, and 5c Panama Pacifics are cut used in both perforations, while the perf. 12 unused 1c and 2c are cut 10c each. In the 1912 issues onward are noticed some cuts in the regular issues, mainly on small values, but the $5 1918 unused is dropped $2 unused. The 5c errors are now listed as minor varieties under the 2c stamps. The 3c Victory is cut 15c unused and 5c used. No. 544B, the scarce perf. 11, is now priced—$200. No. 546, the 2c Type III is cut just one-half. In the 1922-25 flat plates cuts are general, except for the $1 and $2 which are increased unused. The once famous No. 575 1c imperf drops to 75c both ways along with the compound 11x10s, the perf 10c and even 594 and 595.

All three Black Hardings are cut, the imperf the most, going from 75c both forms to 50c and 35c. From here on all the commemoratives are changed, and in one direction only, down. By issues the former and present quotations are: Walloons $3.15 unused and $2.32 used to $2.60, unused, and $1.74 used; Lexingtons $3.15 and $2.00 to $1.75 and $1.60; Norse $2.50 to $1.85; Hawaii $1.25 and $1.10 to 70c and 65c; Aeronautics 55c and 45c to 45c and 26c; Kansas overprints $7.60 and $5.77 to $6.80 and $5.08; Nebraskas $10.45 and $8.51 to $9.35 and $6.99; Bicentennials $2.09 and 42c to $1.40 and 28c; 1934 Parks $1.47 and 85c to $1.23 and 48c; Farley Parks $1.95 both ways to $1.21.

Single stamp issues suffered in proportion; and as largest cuts were unused we quote these: 1926 Sesqui 25c to 15c; Ericsson 65c to 50c, White Plains 25c to 15c (sheet from $9 to $7); Vermont 20c to 10c; Burgoyne 40c to 25c; Valley Forge 15c to 10c; Molly Pitcher 20c to 10c; Clark 15c to 8c; Yorktown 12c to 6c; Century of Progress sheets $3 to $2.15; N. R. A. 15c to 6c; Kosciuszko 20c to 10c; Byrd Sheet $1 to 50c; 3c Parks sheet 85c to 60c; 1c Parks sheet 45c to 25c; 3c Farleys to 7c each; 16c Farley $1 to 50c; TIPEX 35c to 24c.

Airmails by sets were 1918 $8.75 and $4.50 to $7.50 and $3.25; 1923 $8.25 and $5.25 to $6.10 and $3.85. Only the 8c bistre is increased, to 16c unused. The 1930 Zepps are not changed but the 50c 1933 drops to $2.25 and $2.00.

Special Deliveries have a number of minor cuts on used copies. Parcel Post series was cut from $35.62 and $9.08 to $34.28 and $6.84. Almost all quotations on the Parcel Post Dues were also reduced.

Envelope listings present an entirely different appearance. All designs and types are now fully illustrated, the old fractional illustrations having been discarded. All have been renumbered and wrappers and lettersheets included among the envelope listings.

Price lists of all dealers have become overnight obsolete as the changes in numberings of all except the postage issues have rendered most of these price lists if not useless, at least difficult for customer and dealer. On every other page among the U. S. listings is the following boxed item: "IMPORTANT NOTICE—Condition is the all-important factor of price. Prices quoted are for fine specimens. Copies without gum, off center or with heavy cancellation sell for much less." This is properly emphasized as many when using the catalogue ignore the things on which prices are based. The repetition of this notice should have a steadying effect on catalogue users.

Stamp Smugglers

Wilhelm Bartels of Charlottenburg, Germany, was recently sentenced to 10 years in prison and to pay a fine of 940,000 marks (about $375,000) for aiding in. the smuggling of stamps from Germany. It was alleged he was the leader of a gang selling valuable stamp collections to Jews trying to get their wealth out of Germany. He is supposed to have bought in other countries for this purpose such stamps as Hawaiian "Missionaries" and two Mauritius "Post Office." Others caught were sentenced to shorter terms.

U. S. RECENT Commemoratives

	Mint Sheet	Mint Block	Used Single	Used Single
#772	$2.00	$.20	$.05	$.03
773	2.00	.20	.05	.02
774	2.00	.20	.05	.02
775	1.95	.20	.05	.02
776	1.90	.18	.04	.02
777	1.90	.20	.05	.02
778	.20	.....	.....	.20
782	1.80	.18	.04	.02
783	2.00	.18	.04	.02
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Germans Issue First Definite Designs For Czech Protectorate

Following the short-lived series of overprints on stamps of the conquered Czechoslovak Republic, the German governed "protectorate" has issued new stamps in definitive designs, with values in Czech currency, and scenes in the country, looking very much like former Czech issues when the country was independent. At top they are inscribed in German "Bohmen and Mahren" and at bottom in native language "Cechy a Moravia." The inscription "Protektorat," so offensive to Czechs has been omitted. Scenes of the new series are Karlstejn castle, Kutna Hora, Praha, and Hradcany Castle with titles also in both languages.

Printing Stamp First Day Is Officially Announced

On Aug. 28 the P. O. Dept announced the design and first day details of the 3c Printing Tercentenary stamp. It will be same shape and size as the recent large vertical Washington Inaugural and printed in purple by rotary press in panes of 50 First day city will be New York City on Sept. 25. Usual rules apply:— not over 10 self addressed covers accompanied with remittance for stamps to be affixed may be sent the postmaster. Design will depict the first press.

A. P. S. Convention Trip

American Philatelic Society members are planning to travel in a group to the 54th annual convention at San Francisco. The "President Glass Special" will leave Buffalo, N. Y., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 12:30 A. M.; Chicago at 10:30 A. M. same day. President Carter Glass, Jr., Vice President Rollin Flower, and other officers and prominent Eastern members plan to be in the group and all prospective convention attendants are invited to join them. Stops will be made at various points such as Grand Canyon and Hollywood, both on going and return trip. Arrive back in Buffalo on October 5. Rates run from about $170 up, including everything. Inquiries and reservations should be sent Mr. Flower at 311 W. Terry St., Buffalo, N. Y.

• Harold F. Ambrose, Director of Publicity for the Post Office Dept., will be toastmaster at the Sept. 30 banquet of the SEPAD exhibition at Philadelphia.

• The motto shown on the coat of arms design of Luxemburg's newest issue means "We want to stay as we are."

WORLD'S FAIR ISSUES

	Mint
Dominican Republic (5)	$ .35
Ecuador New York World's Fair (13)	1.35
Ecuador San Francisco World's Fair (13)	1.35
France, 1 value	.10
Iceland, 3 values	.26
Mexico World's Fair (4)	.56
Mexico Tulsa Exposition (4)	.52
Roumania, 2 values	.15
Russia, 2 values	.32
Salvador, 3 values	.52
French Colonies, 48 values	3.65
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Trans-Continental Pony Express

With almost no fanfare in cover circles, the first trans-continental "pony express" has been operating for the past 11 weeks. Jack King, who has played the Western villain and supporting player in many movies (being "killed" no less than 500 times) along with two other riders is carrying 2500 covers by pony from the Golden Gate International Exposition to the New York World's Fair. When he arrives at New York City in a few weeks, these will be placed in the mails there. For a cachet they use a reproduction of the original marking used on the 1860 Pony Express. Souvenir letters to Mayor La Guardia and Pres. Roosevelt from Pres. Quezon of the Philippines are being carried. Three horses are being used, in relays, the two not in use being transported in a truck trailer. Sometime in September or later they expect to start a return trip, making it in 30 days via Oklahoma. The covers are being sold to finance the "Pony Express" at 50c each and may be obtained of him by writing him in care of the Ford Motor Co. exhibit at the New York Fair. The photo shows Mr. King, his wife and his trained police dog, also a movie actor. Mr. King expects to make a return trip by "Pony Express" in record time, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Pony Express.

Truck At Postal Convention

The Philatelic Truck was one of the feature attractions at the Convention last month of postal supervisors at Boston. 3,000 delegates and wives attended the convention, saw the truck and experimented with an "Air Mail Dial"—a huge wall display which indicated the time and frequency of air mail service from different cities when buttons were pushed. A stamp exhibit was also shown. Clipping from Philip Langille, Hinsdale, N. H.

230,000 Canal Covers

The total number of 3c Panama Canal first day covers cancelled on board the U.S.S. Charleston was 230,974. The naval post office sold on that date 374,396 stamps, total face value being $11,231.88. The commanding officer permitted civilians to board the ship up until noon in order that all interested persons might buy stamps or mail covers and as can be seen, sales were very large when the location of the first day office is considered. At Washington, D. C., on the next day (August 16), the same day the stamp went on sale throughout the U. S., 423,908 stamps were sold. 11,863 second day covers were mailed at this office, though no count was of course kept at other offices.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Sept. 15-16—U. S., Foreign. J. M. Bartels Co., Inc., 17 John St., New York City.

Sept. 19-20—U. S., Foreign. 234th Sale. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Sept. 26—A. P. S. Convention Sale. Eugene Klein, 212 S. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Canton-Akron Picnic

Plans are now completed for the Annual Canton-Akron Picnic, jointly sponsored by the McKinley Stamp Club and the Rubber City Stamp Clubs of the two Ohio cities. The affair will be held the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Sept. 9, at Meyers Lake Park, Canton, Ohio. There will be a dealers' bourse and a donation auction. The dinner will be at 6 P. M., one of those famous picnic dinners these meetings are known for, and tickets are 75c. Reservations should be sent Homer J. Schlafly, Secy., McKinley Stamp Club, 706 Park Ave., S. W., Canton. The picnic is under the chairmanship of C. Lee Wolf, Oscar Schulze and Bob Chapman.

First Day Calendar

3c Printing Tercentenay Sept. 25 at New York City; a vertically arranged design of Special Delivery size.

E. B. Power Dead

Eustace B. Power, well known expert on U. S. Stamps, died suddenly of a heart attack on August 12 at his Chappaqua, N. Y., home. He had at various times in the past 40 years and more worked with well known American and British dealers. When Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., still operated their branch in New York (since become the separate firm of Stanley Gibbons, Inc.) Mr. Power was manager. While manager of the Gibbons branch Power wrote several books on U. S. issues which are still used for reference, best known being those on the issues of 1894 to 1923. Mr. Power was publisher some years ago of a stamp paper as well.

Suspicious Tibetans

Whitfield King & Co., are broadcasting their suspicions regarding a large recent lot of Tibetan stamps received from India. These are the 1933 designs but in contrast to known originals are lithographed on smooth surface laid paper while the originals were typographed on rough native wove paper. Though covers with the suspected stamps have also been offered, the postmarks are believed forgeries. The Tibetan authorities are not known to have lithographing equipment at their command and all their stamps have been printed in Tibet by very crude methods.

• The 1938-39 Charity set picturing native flowers of Austria has been demonetised, writes Julius B. Bock of Berlin.

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Wichita Annual Exhibition Stamp

The eighth annual exhibition of the Wichita Stamp Club is scheduled for Nov. 16-17-18-19, at the Hotel Lassen, Wichita, Kans. An exhibition of 250 frames will be set up in the Ball Room and will include entries from such well known collections as Dr. Hennan's "Dom Pedros"; and others of the midwest. Lee Cornell is exhibition committee chairman and inquiries should be directed to him at 429 First National Bank Bldg., Wichita. The philatelic label souvenir sheet which is illustrated is purple and yellow, lithographed in sheets of four, either imperforate or rouletted. Are obtainable of Dale Myers, Secretary, at same address, price not stated.

• In 1937 Bermuda temporarily permitted the use for postage of the 12/6 revenue stamp due to a shortage of the postage stamp. This stamp differs from the other only in that it is inscribed "REVENUE" at both sides while the regular stamp is inscribed both "POSTAGE" and "REVENUE."

• The Gutter Club is the name of a stamp club in Australia. Its members meet informally at lunch time in Melbourne along the curb at the site of a former stamp store where for about 30 years, the *Australian Stamp Monthly* relates, they have gathered each weekday.

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Chicago Radio Program

The dramatic team of "Al and Otto" of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society are presenting a radio skit on the "Stamp Chats" program over Radio Station WHFC the first Saturday of each month. The Stamp Chats programs are sponsored by the club in conjunction with the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs every Saturday afternoon at 3:15 P. M.

The first fall meeting of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society's stamp bourse will be Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Olympic Bldg., 2136 S. 61st St., Cicero, Ill.

More Printing Commems

Mexico plans to issue in September a series of stamps commemorating the four-hundredth anniversary of introduction of printing into that country, their first press also having distinction of being first in the New World. Standard reference works give 1544 rather than 1539 as the date of this event. Germany too is planning printing commemoratives in connection with the Gutenberg Reich Exhibition to be held at Leipzig in 1940. This is announced as commemorating the quincentenary of the invention in the year 1440 of movable type and the printing from such type by Johann Gutenberg, a date also disputed. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Minister for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda is Patron of the Exposition.

• The Mexican Philatelic Agency which sells obsolete issues at more than face value is being undersold by dealers, sometimes the same stamps being sold at a fraction of Agency prices. The Agency also sells "errors."

• Through courtesy of the LaSalle County Stamp Club of Ottawa, Ill., we have received a cover with their August 22 cachet for the centenary of the death of Benjamin Lundy, famous abolitionist.

Slovak Issue Suppressed

The recent Slovak commemorative stamps depicting the late General Stefanik and his tomb have been withdrawn from issue as a result of German pressure on the Nazi-dominated state. It developed that Stefanik was depicted wearing the uniform of a French general, one of the features most objectionable. In addition, Stefanik had served as head of Czech legions fighting in France and Russia against the Germans and Austrians in the World War, with notable successes. General Stefanik was killed in an airplane crash as he was arriving in 1919 in the new Czecho-Slovak Republic he had in foreign lands helped to establish.

More Philippine Commems

Three new commemorative sets are due from the Philippines about November 15, according to tentative plans. One set will picture the Triumphal Arch to be erected to commemorate the inauguration of the Philippine Commonwealth. The second will depict the Philippine "White House," Malacanan Palace; and the third set will show Pres. F. D. Roosevelt signing the Act of Congress erecting the Commonwealth. Each series will include 2, 6 and 12 centavos denominations. Of each 2c 1,500,000 will be issued; of each 6c 1,200,000 and of each 12c 900,000. These stamps were authorized by National Assembly Act No. 393, writes Severino N. Luna, Manila.

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Editor's Notebook

CATALOGUE PRICES — Among the notices to the reader in the front of the 1940 Scott Standard Catalogue will be the following paragraph under the heading "PRICES": "The prices appearing in this Catalogue were determined during May to August, 1939, by careful study of wholesale and retail offerings of dealers throughout the world and a thorough analysis of foreign catalogues, together with recommendations and information submitted by many of the leading philatelic societies of the world. These and other factors were considered in determining the figures which the editors consider represent the proper normal price basis for a fine specimen when offered by an informed dealer to an informed buyer. Sales are frequently made at lower figures occasioned by individual bargaining, changes in popularity, temporary over-supply, local custom, the "vest pocket dealer," or the many other reasons which cause deviations from any accepted standard. Sales at higher prices are usually because of exceptionally fine condition, unusual postal markings, unexpected political changes or newly discovered information. While the minimum price of a stamp is fixed at 2c to cover the dealer's labor and service cost of assorting, cataloging and filling orders individually, the sum of these list prices does not properly represent the "value" of a packet of unsorted or unmounted stamps sold in bulk which generally consists of only the cheaper stamps. Prices in italics indicate infrequent sales and consequent lack of definite information."

Some important points are made above and if more would trouble to read and digest this paragraph a better understanding of stamp quotations will prevail. As for instance the remarks about stamps priced at a minimum of 2c. Many collectors have professed to be unable to understand why a stamp selling wholesale at $2 a thousand should be priced at 2c, overlooking the obvious fact that labor of handling those thousand stamps in retail sales costs more, much more, than the stamps themselves.

In reviewing Advance Sheets of the Catalogue, a general reduction in prices is noticeable and while this will not please the collector who likes to note each year the theoretical increase in value of his collection, it will be another instance of the unpleasant truth. On none of the stamps with which we were familiar, did we find the new price too low. If anything, most of them seemed still to be an ample percentage above actual selling price.

The unwise speculation in U. S. stamps of the 20th Century is brought home to all in the new edition. For years the speculators have been forcing prices up to points to which average collectors would not follow. The present quotations, drastic as the cuts have been, seem more than fair, when the huge quantities available of the stamps involved are considered. The speculators will feel bad, probably curse us all roundly and may even desert us. Wishful thinking, perhaps, but if the price realignments serve to discourage the speculator so much that never again will he return to darken our album pages; then our hobby will be a lot the better for a revamped catalogue.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

HAVE YOU BEEN WONDERING IF possibly that Dies Committee probe scared us into omitting the red ink from last week's issue? Absolutely no connection, dear readers; we have been so busy running the KenMore Katalog off the press that we didn't want to delay it while the red was being run, so for several weeks we will be just black and white.

WE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED any day to hear of another stamp collector trying to get the 1940 Presidential nomination. After learning of all those foreign gift collections a stamp collecting President receives, it

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sounds like the job might be worth it. In fact, we, if in F. D. R.'s shoes would be tempted by a third term for that reason.

WE'VE MENTIONED BEFORE MOtion pictures that were "movies behind the stamp design" and recently we saw the "Man of Conquest" flicker which certainly should be of interest to U. S. commemorative collectors at least. The historic siege and capture of the Alamo; and true to life portraits of Stephen Austin and Sam Houston should make the events and persons commemorated by the 3c Texas Centennial very real. We wonder how many times Texas Republic postal historian Harry Konwiser sat through this film?

TO ANYONE WHO IS WILLING TO pay the express charges, Thomas A. Ryan, 835 N. Markoe St., Philadelphia, Pa., will send a file of LWSN running from Vol. 6, No. 27 to Vol. 11, No. 36. He is moving and will not have space for them, so better write him immediately.

FORMER SECRETARY FRANK Coes of the S.P.A., single-handed "called off" the S. P. A. Baltimore Convention and apparently even fooled some S. P. A. members into thinking the cancellation was the real thing. The S. P. A.'s troubles with its former officers should be an object lesson to other clubs that may become so afflicted. When a defaulting officer is caught red-handed, then is the time to mete impartial justice; not temporizing or white wash.

THE HABIT OF PRECANCEL COLlectors writing to firms for their latest literature in order to obtain the precancel used by said manufacturers on their catalogs, must make a lot of advertising charts be more than a little "off-center." Wonder if any of the advertisers ever caught on and noticed an increase in inquiries following their use of a new precancel?

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERent from the usual run of cachets comes from Ernest O. Saltmarsh of Pensacola. It's a cachet for Saint Bernard, mailed from Saint Bernard, Ala., and all inscribed in Latin.

THE EXTREME VALUE PLACED on common stamps by the uninformed is illustrated by the lady who offered to auction for the benefit of a hospital, a copy of Newfoundland's Royal Visit 5-center.

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Harding (1923)	$ .10	2c Civil (1928)	$ .05
Sesqui. (1926)	.05	Edison (1929)	.03
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Commemorative Stamp Facts

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

THE 5c ARMY-NAVY

These were issued on May 26, 1937, in bright blue ink, the Army stamp from West Point and the Navy one from Annapolis. The 5c Army is officially described as showing in the center a view of the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., with Washington Hall in the left foreground and the North Cadet Barracks on the right. In the upper right is the Chapel and in the distant left the old Observatory. The Navy central design shows the official seal of the Academy at Annapolis, Md., flanked by naval cadets, the one at the left in the uniform of early Academy days and the other in the present uniform.

The U. S. Military Academy site has been in use as a military post since Jan. 20, 1778. In May, 1776, Genl. Henry Knox, Chief of Artillery, made the proposal for the establishment of a military academy. His plans were forwarded by Alexander Hamilton and approved by Washington, so the post was built, but in 1779 it was destroyed by fire and the school suspended.

An act of Congress in 1802 authorized a Corps of Engineers (composed of 5 officers and 10 cadets!) which should be stationed at West Point and constitute a Military Academy. It was reorganized by an act of 1812, which set out the principles on which the Academy has ever since functioned.

The U. S. Naval Academy was founded by Geo. Bancroft the historian, then Secy. of State, and opened on Oct. 10, 1845. In May, 1861, the Academy with all its personnel and apparatus was transferred for safety to Newport, R. I., and remained there until Sept., 1865, when it was returned to Annapolis. The body of John Paul Jones, brought from France in 1909, rests in the chapel there.

The entire Army-Navy set are the size of the Special Delivery stamp, like most of our commemoratives, and are from the rotary press, perf. 11 x 10½, no wmk. 35,000,000 of the 5c Army were ordered from plates 21680-81-82-83, and 163,500 first day covers were sent from West Point. 37,000,000 of the 5c Navy were ordered from plates 21684-85-86-87, and 202,800 first day covers were sent from Annapolis. Actual quantity issued was 36,839,250 of the 5c Army and 36,819,050 of the 5c Navy.

(continued next week)

• Of interest to Ship Collectors will be Jugoslavia's new set to raise funds for a marine museum and naval defenses as they show the steamer *King Alexander I*, the cargo ship *Triglav*, the Training Ship *Jadran*, and the cruiser *Dubrovnik*.

• From Fishers Island, N. Y., comes a cover from the S.S.S. Porpoise, flagship of the fleet and signed by Capt. Tuttle, thanks to Cachet Director Peatfield.

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Underwater Post Office

The Bahamas government ordered established effective Aug. 16 a post office named "Sea Floor" in the underwater photosphere of explorer John Ernest Williamson. The photosphere is located on the floor of the "sea gardens" as they are termed near Nassau, the capital. He has explored these for many years and

supplied the photo used on the current four-pence King George VI issue of the islands. The stamp shows a scene in the sea gardens.

Bahamas post office regulations prohibit the servicing of covers, either with or without stamps already affixed, and the Postmaster General's secretary is reported engaged most of the time in returning remittances and covers received from collectors. No provision has been made apparently by anyone to handle the covers. The *Nassau Daily Tribune* sends a first day cover, the cancellation being purple oval with the three line inscription "SEA FLOOR — Aug. 16, 1939 — Bahamas." In addition a three-line handstamped inscription is applied to the cover stating "Posted in Williamson Photosphere, at Bottom of Sea, Near Nassau, In The Bahamas."

Collector at USS Charleston first day sale: "Did you ever engage the enemy, sailor?"

Gob: "Sure, then married her and had a real fight."

• Two post offices are changing their names on Sept. 1. Deerfield, Fla., on that date becomes Deerfield Beach and Lea Springs, Tenn., becomes Blaine.

• Though its colonies for 20 years have been under control of other countries, Germany is holding a Colonial Exposition at Dresden to remain open until November 10 and featuring an exhibition of Colonial stamps.

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It is going to be a tremendous job to produce envelopes for all of these thirty-five different stamps in two colors and have same ready for delivery to our customers. It is for this reason that we make this advance announcement and can thus assure those who have their orders in early that sets will positively be reserved for them and delivered to them in ample time for first day use.

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INVENTORS	5 diff. covers	.15	.35	.50
POETS	5 diff. covers	.15	.35	.50
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(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

LITHUANIA—100,000 each of the two lower values and 50,000 of the third value, were issued of the Basketball Commemorative Semi-Postals chronicled by us July 15th.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

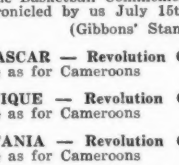
MADAGASCAR — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons

MARTINIQUE — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons

MAURITANIA — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons

NEW CALEDONIA—Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

NEWFOUNDLAND—Postage Due Stamps. Small horizontal rectangular format, 29x22 mm., locally printed, unwmkd., perf. 10½x10. Design as illustrated:



1c. light yellow-green
3c. ultramarine
2c. orange-red
4c. yellow-orange
5c. brown
10c. purple

(J. N. Sissons)

Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention that this set will form an interesting lithographic study for philatelists, as he has already noted many minor varieties. Such as: 3c. "T" of "CENTS" has bottom serif cut into, etc.

NEW ZEALAND—Postage. King George VI Design. Engraved, perf. 13¾x13½ wmkd., mult. N Z and Star:

1d. deep rose (not aniline)

(A. J. Bower)

NIGER—Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

NORWAY—Semi Postals. Upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 13x13½:

10 ore plus 5 ore green (Portrait of Queen)
15 ore plus 5 ore red-brown (same)
20 ore plus 5 ore carmine (same)
30 ore plus 5 ore ultramarine (same)

PANAMA — Commemorative Semi-Postals. Honoring Pierre and Marie Curie and to provide a fund to fight cancer. Horizontal rectangular format:

1c. blue
1c. rose
1c. green
1c. orange

(L. A. Russell)

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS — First Foreign Trade Week Commemoratives. The undernoted stamps have been overprinted and surcharged with a new value as noted below "FIRST FOREIGN TRADE WEEK MAY 21-27, 1939" and the new value. First day sale was not until July 5, 1939:

A54— 2c. on 4c. yellow-green (red overprint)
A40— 6c. on 26c. blue-green (purple overprint)
A71—50c. on 20P. henna-brown (black overprint)

(Pablo Esperidion)

Additional Values in the small "Commonwealth" overprint:

A55— 6c. dark brown
A57—10c. rose carmine
A59—16c. dark blue
A62—30c. orange-red
A63— 1P. red-orange & black
A64— 2P. bistre-brown & black

REUNION — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

SAN MARINO—Postage Due Stamps. Provisional. Same surcharge as on the three values noted by us November 26, 1938. Wmkd. crowns, perf. 14:

D4—1L. on 25L. buff & brown (Black)

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

SENEGAL — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

SOMALI COAST—Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

SPAIN—Offices in Morocco. Upright 25x28mm., unwmkd., perf. 12½ Photogravure:

10c. bright blue (Franco)

New pictorials. Upright rectangular format similar in design and of the size of Scott's A16:

5c. orange
10c. green
15c. brown
20c. blue

(R. Roberts)

SWITZERLAND—Official Stamps. For the League of Nations. Under-noted overprinted with the usual overprint for use by this organization:

A69— 3fr. brown-carmine on buff
A70— 5fr. slate-blue on buff
A71—10fr. green on buff

For the International Labor Bureau. The stamps noted above have been overprinted with the usual overprint for use by this organization, also.

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

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COUNTERFEITS

Although I have not as yet received the review copy of the 23rd edition Bureau Print Catalog, I did get to look over copies while at the convention and have this to report at this time. This edition lists or mentions counterfeits where they exist. I could brag that I brought results in a hurry by the article I wrote a few weeks ago but the truth of the matter was this move was contemplated long before the article was written, only of course I knew nothing of the matter. One item was overlooked, there exists a counterfeit on Tonawanda B2 which is not listed.

HOT NEWS

Of the convention and the Washington trip. Some Wheaton, Ill., buro items have been seen with a bluish overprint. —Some coils have been made in 2000 size rolls. It had been thought that 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 were the only sizes made. These 2000 rolls are made for Detroit.—Madison, Ind., will be a new town on the next list coming from Southgate. We were told the plates are already made and proofs taken.—On one Dayton, Ohio, plate four items were found with OHIO spelled OIHO but alas and alack they were found and the plate destroyed, but they got so far that some sheets had been printed.—Toledo, Ohio, 95s long on the waiting list showed up at the convention.—Also most of the other high value Toledo items were to be had.

TO HOUSTON

After a very heated debate and some very polished finagling the convention body decided, and decisively we admit, to take the next convention to Houston. We know the Houston club has bitten off a pretty big chunk and besides extending them our congratulations we also extend our sympathy. We feel they will need both.

PART I.

Part I of the 16th edition of the general catalog is well under way. This edition will list all known varieties from the beginning to the 1922 issue. The catalog will definitely be priced on a NET BASIS (Lawerence Bros. please note). The catalog is being completely revised and repriced. There will be many 1c and 2c items in the catalog and all other items will be priced down to the very rock bottom where a price of 3c or 6c or 10c means just that. That to some may look like big reductions but in reality is what should have been done long ago. Why price stamps way up and then sell at huge discounts? The good stamps will sell for good prices anyway and the cheap stuff that has been overpriced on a discount basis sooner or later finds its level so the logical thing to do is to start low and give increases when needed. Further developments of this edition will be reported from time to time. One thing more, there have been many suggestions circulating lately in the press as to the arrangement to be followed in compiling the catalog. Only a modified form of these suggestions have been followed.

Hobby Show Exhibit

In connection with this year's Chicago Antiques Exposition and Hobby Fair, November 13-18 at the Stevens Hotel, there will be no competitive stamp exhibition. Instead the exhibition will comprise the offerings of dealers and collectors who may enter for $1 a frame of six standard album pages, with the stamps therein priced. Details from the Managing Director, O. C. Lightner, 2810 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Afghan Spelling Variations

Until 1927 the postage stamps of Afghanistan were inscribed solely in the native characters. In that year the name of the country first appeared in Latin characters in English "AFGHAN POSTAGE." Next year the same inscription in French was inserted to re-

place the English, being "POSTES AFGHANES." Then in 1937 in the Coronation Anniversary stamp both languages were combined, the inscription reading "POSTES AFGHANISTAN." But later designs reverted to the all French inscription, possibly as a concession to the Universal Postal Union's official language. When the Curie Postal Tax stamp was issued in 1938 the spelling of "POSTES" was as before but the name of the country was in a new form: "AFGHANESTAN." However on the very latest stamp, a 30 pouls pictorial which has appeared only the last month or so, the spelling is once more "POSTES AFGHANISTAN." Maybe in the near future the postal authorities will decide just which form of their country's name will be used on the stamps, also what language.

• The Pennsylvania post office of CORTEZ was not discontinued on Aug. 31, due to the order being rescinded.

R. P. O. NOTES

The Norfolk (Va.) *Ledger Dispatch* recently carried a story on establishment of a chief clerk's office at Norfolk, Va., to conduct the operations of District 8 of the Third Division. This district comprises only a part of Virginia and North Carolina but covers ten R. P. O. routes, an equal number of closed pouch routes, 131 Star Routes and mail messenger services not enumerated. As an idea of cost of operations of the Railway Mail Service in this district, salaries to officials and clerks cost $261,000; pay to railroads, $713,200; star route contractors, $120,000; mail messenger and side service pay, $70,000; pay to boat lines, $12,500, a total of $1,158,800 per year. Thanks to J. R. Jordan of Norfolk for this data.

The Kansas City & San Antonio R. P. O. until August first was composed of three divisions, designated in the postmarks as East Division, South Division and North Division, and friend Koelln says he believes it was the only route having three divisions designated by compass points. On August 1 the East Division was re-designated as "Monnett & Denison RPO."

RECENT CHANGES

Hammond & Baton Rouge, effective July 2.
St. Joseph & Topeka, eff. June 24
Plymouth & Tarboro, eff. June 30.
Weldon & Kinston was changed to Rocky Mount and Kinston, eff. July 1.
Bad Axe & Port Huron, disc.
Bad Axe & Saginaw, disc.
Bristol & St. Chas., disc. May 6.
Grampian & Altoona changed to Curwensville & Altoona, May 1.
Jefferson City & Kansas City, disc. May 6 and consolidated with St. Louis & K. C.
Scribner & Oakdale, disc.
Van Buren & Willow Springs, disc.
Mauch Chunk & Mt. Carmel changed to Mauch Chunk & Hazleton, May 28.
Norf. & Columbus, new.
Port Huron & Saginaw, new.
Syracuse & Rochester, new.

• After it had been issued it was discovered the Pilatre de Rozier commemorative stamp of France had the wrong date for the pioneer balloonist's birth. Date in inscription is 1754 and should have been 1756.

• The post office guide will continue to have a ZENOBIA post office for the order rescinding that Virginia office has been rescinded.

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BROADWAY CHATTER

BY BISTANDER

Uptown Stamp Company's laudable custom of serving refreshments at auction sales is being taken up by other stamp houses here in New York. We are quoting from the recent ad in a New York paper of one of these houses, "All our friends and customers are cordially invited to cool off at our ice cream party this afternoon at 3 P. M. Strawberry, chocolate and vanilla. Also, stamps for sale."

Uptown's next sale will be attended by a large crowd even if there were no free lunch offered. Up for sale, is the rarest cover ever seen here. It contains the complete set of the Trans-Mississippi from the 1c to the $2.00 values with the exposition cancellation. About two years ago, Uptown had the $1.00 value of this set on cover with the exposition cancellation on the auction block and the price was over one hundred dollars. This gives you an idea of the probable selling price of this unique item.

Supplies of the France Bastille Day issue are very low here. There has been so much wrangling between the French Philatelic Agency and influential French collectors on this particular issue that most wholesalers have been delaying in their purchases which accounts for the present shortage. These stamps are being held by the French Colonial Office pending a final settlement of the dispute.

As we have predicted in previous columns, the French Colonies New York World's Fair set is definitely established on a firm basis, prices for this set are steadily increasing and the peak price is yet to be reached.

At the same time, the additional value to the Iceland New York World's Fair set which appeared recently through a printer's error, is at present a very elusive item and a headache to dealers trying to fill orders. The Iceland Government announced that they would print enough of this item to prevent its becoming a rarity. The additional supplies promised however, have not as yet made their appearance.

Collectors visiting the World's Fair are very much impressed, they say, by the great amount of attention paid to philately by the countries exhibiting there. On the walls of the Canadian Pavilion are large oil paintings of all the recent pictorials of Canada.

The Czechoslovakian Pavilion is selling the Bratislava Miniature Sheets surcharged "Participation New York World's Fair." In case that you think that you missed something, let us remind you that this particular item has been refused listing by Scott's.

President's Stamps At Fair

At long last the much advertised display of stamps from the collection of President Roosevelt has made its appearance at the New York World's Fair, according to James Waldo Fawcett. 15 pages in all were put on display in the Communications Bldg., including pages from his collections of Roman States, Haiti and Uruguay, all personally chosen by Pres. Roosevelt for the exhibit and some of them with notations regarding the issues in his own writing.

NYPEX Postponed

After much of the plans had been completed and various societies had scheduled meetings in connection, the NYPEX stamp exhibition scheduled for October 7 to 15 at New York City has been postponed indefinitely. The only reason given is "due to unsettled present world wide conditions."

• New navy post offices ordered established during August were those on the U.S.S. Sims, Sterett and Hammann.

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Portrait Engraver Dies

Frederick C. Pauling, portrait engraver at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, died on August 12, at Washington at the age of 68, James Waldo Fawcett reports in his *Washington Sunday Star* column. Pauling was one of the Bureau's leading portrait engravers, engraving many of these for currency. His first connection with stamps seems to have been the use of his etching of President Harding for the 2c 1923 Memorial stamp (also on the 1½c 1925) although Pauling did not work on the stamp die. His first engraving work on a stamp die was the 5c Walloon vignette in 1924. Other stamps he engraved vignettes or portraits for include the 1c Lexington-Concord, 2c Ohio Canalization, 5c Winged Globe air mail, 1c Army and the 5c Navy. He also worked on the 3c Texas in collaboration with others. Prior to working at the Bureau, Mr. Pauling was engraver for the American Bank Note Co. of New York City, being a native of that city. A bachelor, he is survived by a brother, Walter.

• Type I of Sierra Leone was printed in sheets of 40 stamps, (2 panes of 20) the fancy indented corners of the stamp design making the sheet very attractive, as where four stamp corners came together an ornate eight-pointed star was formed.

• The sailing yacht depicted on the current two-pence Bermuda is the "Lucie," owned by Briggs S. Cunningham, Saltport, Conn.

Quick Watson the needle, I've just seen the prices in Kenmore's 1940 Katalog.

NOTES ON U. S. ISSUES

This is the time of year when stamps forgotten in pockets are, when finally remembered, discovered to be stuck together. As more than one dealer has discovered, it isn't necessary to either soak the stamps or rip them apart with resulting thin spots and loss of the o.g. Not at all. If there is an electric refrigerator handy (free adv.) simply place the stricken stamps en masse in the cooler, shut the door (after removing a jug of lemonade or something which will serve to occupy you while waiting for the cure) and after some minutes have passed—say a half an hour or whenever the jug is empty, remove the stamps from the cold place. They will come apart easily without removing any gum and when spread out to dry the gum will dry smoothly. This is also a good method of removing peelable hinges which decline to peel.

Last week's New Issue pages carried among the illustrations, reduced reproductions of the designs of the two Food Stamps being issued to relief clients in various cities. These are printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and are issued ungummed in booklets to the reliefers. Since they are neither postage or revenue stamps, it is not likely they will ever appear in stamp catalogs. They are simply a poster stamp form of money, being given these unfortunates in lieu of cash, scrip or relief orders.

It is not unusual for a post office to cancel high value stamps in full sheets as a means of indicating payment of second-class postage. As mentioned here before, this occurs when a publisher applies for a second-class matter rating for his publication and is permitted to mail it under those rates pending approval or rejection of his application. When it is approved, postage stamps to the value of the amount of postage used in the interim are cancelled after pasting on sheets of paper and these sheets are sent to the Department and presumably destroyed. The publisher is required to post with the postmaster a sum sufficient to pay the postage on his mailings at the highest applicable rates, any difference being returned if he is accorded second-class matter permit.

The other day we saw a clerk in a large Ohio post office, busily cancelling thousands of 3c and higher values which were pasted one-hundred on sheets of paper slightly larger than a sheet of stamps. It developed that by some special arrangement, these stamps which were being received by a firm in remittances, were being accepted in this form by the Post Office Dept. and the amount credited to the publisher's postage account. The cancellation being used was the office's parcel post roller and after cancellation the sheets were sent to Washington to be counted and then destroyed. This is an unusual procedure by the P. O. D. since as a general rule they will not exchange stamps in any manner.

A catalog as defined by the Post Office Department is a printed publication of 24 pages or more. The cover can be counted as pages. If an auction catalog contained 20 pages and a cover, it can go at the catalog rate of 1c for each two ounces of weight if total weight does not exceed 8 ounces. If the catalog is less than 24 pages, postage is 1½c for each two ounces up to 8 ounces. However a catalog under 24 pages in size can be sent for 1c postage under the precancel permit procedure. This requires that not less than 200 identical pieces be mailed at one time, the postage being prepaid by means of precancelled stamps and the envelope bearing the inscription "Sec. 562 P. L. & R." in upper right corner. Only 1c per catalog need be paid in postage if 12 of the pieces as they are ready for mailing do not exceed one pound in total weight. Getting complicated isn't it? It all boils down to the simple statement that if your price list or catalog is less than 24 pages and when ready to mail doesn't exceed 1 and 1/3 ounces in weight, you can send it for 1c postage if you take out a permit from the postmaster. If your catalog is 24 pages or over and doesn't exceed two ounces in weight when ready to mail, you can mail them at any time in any quantity at 1c each with no permit required and using ordinary stamps.

It may be of interest, so here goes: *The Bureau Specialist* includes an item stating the rag content percentage of government bond paper can be readily told by the number of stars above the eagle in the watermark. One star signifies 25% rag content, two stars 50%, three stars 75% and four stars 100%. This paper is not used for stamps but is used, among other purposes, for the seals on cartons of stamp booklets.

The 2c Navy Official Stamp printed in green has long been the subject of conjecture as to whether it really was an error. Many years ago, the information reached philatelic circles, unfortunately not definitely confirmed, that these had been found among the 2c State stamps by a clerk in that Department. Green was the normal color of the State stamps.

• The Canadian post service, like many another business, gives calendars to its patrons on rural routes. City dwellers apparently have to ask for their copies.

More New Zealand Centenaries

More designs have been approved for New Zealand's Centenary issue to appear on January 2, 1940. The dies of all values had been completely engraved it was reported on July 18 by Postmaster General Jones. James Berry of Wellington designed the final five values: 1d "Cook's Rediscovery of N. Z.", including map, likeness of the famous Captain and to left a reproduction of his barque *Endeavor;* the 2d honors Abel Tasman and pictures him, his map and ship; the 2½d shows signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, Feb. 6, 1840, reproduced from a bas relief on a monument to Queen Victoria in Cambridge Terrace, Wellington; the 7d shows a Maori Council in session before a typical native building; and the 9d typifies the progress in gold mining, showing at left pan and shovel miners of 1861 and at right a present day dredge. 12 stamps in all will comprise the set, the other denominations having been described some months ago.

• Gregory of Tours, the Sixth Century historian commemorated by a recent French stamp, is famous chiefly for his ten-volume History of the Franks which was written in Latin and covered the subject from Creation up to the year 591.

Hatay Annexation Commemorated

The Turkish Minister of Communications reports the *New York Times,* stated the first week of August that Turkish stamps had been overprinted on the occasion of the annexation of Hatay on July 23. The overprint is simply "T. C. 23 Temmuz 1939." T. C. stands for the familiar "Turkiye Cumhuriyeti" which means "Turkish Republic" and "Temmuz" is simply their equivalent of July. The final issue comprised 3 kurus on 25k and 7½ on 25k Sakaria Gorge design; and on portrait of Ataturk designs the 6k on 100k, 12k on 100k, 12½k on 200k and 17½k on 500k. These stamps will probably be listed under Turkey as their use will not apparently be restricted to the former Hatay Republic, now a villayet of the Turkish Republic.

• John Toyek, Director of philatelic activities in the Milwaukee (Wisc.) municipal recreation department has found a specimen of the 5 franc with "a scarcely noticeable defect of the engraving plate" which a clipping submitted by Frank Ferment says "may have a valuation anywhere from $10,000 to $25,000!"

• Palm Beach County, Fla., got a new post office last month, named PELICAN LAKE.

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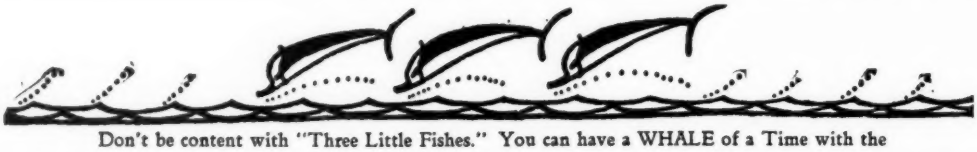

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